--- 1/2 Pound - “Series of 1883” - GREEN – 313/317 x 20 mm. ---

John McKay records that 203,800 copies (recess printed by hand press) of “1/2 lb. Green” tobacco were ‘delivered’ under the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892).

Next John McKay reports that 26,090 copies (recess printed by hand press), and 299,110 copies (recess printed by rotary press) of “1/2 Green” tobacco were ‘delivered’ under the **5th BABN Contract** (1892-1897).

Finally John McKay records that 38,515 copies (recess printed by rotary press) of “1/2 lb. Green” tobacco were ‘delivered’ under the **5th BABN Supplement** (1897-1898). These sheets had been printed under the **5th BABN Contract** and remained in stock when BABN lost the printing contract to ABN in 1897. By mutual agreement they were made available to the Department while ABN worked ‘up-to-speed’ with the die preparation and the printing of the “Series of 1897”.

4th BABN Contract - October 22nd 1886	203,800 recess (hand press)	**000001** to **203800**
5th BABN Contract - April 23rd 1892	26,090 recess (hand press)	**203801** to **229890**
	299,110 recess (rotary press)	**229891** to **529000**
5th BABN Supplement - (1897-1898)	38,515 recess (rotary press)	**529001** to **567515**
	567,515	

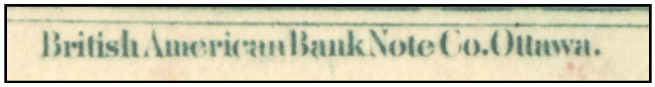
The catalogue lists the “Series of 1883” green 1/2 pound strip as follows:

RP-593 - 1/2 pound, green, perf 12, on horizontal mesh wove, 317 x 20 mm. “Montreal” imprint - 4 mm. blue controls
RP-596 - 1/2 pound, green, *coarse roulette*, on vertical mesh, 313 x 20 mm. *without* an imprint - 4 mm. blue controls

--- 26 mm. “Montreal” imprint - scanned at 300% scale ---

1/2 pound, green, plate proof on light cardboard, with the “Ottawa” imprint

1/2 pound, green, a plate proof pair, recess printed by hand press on light cardboard,
With a 312 mm. design length, and the 26 mm. “Ottawa” imprint



--- 26 mm. “Ottawa” imprint - scanned at 300% scale ---

The collection ***does not contain***, and the catalogue ***does not list***, a control-numbered copy of the “Ottawa” imprint 1/2 pound green strip, from either the **5th BABN Contract**, or from the **Supplement**. **WANTED!**

--- 1/2 Pound - “Series of 1883” - GREEN - 4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) ---

--- Recess printed by *hand press* on horizontal mesh wove - 317 x 20 mm - with 4 mm. blue controls ---

--- RP-593 - perforated 12 - with the 26 mm. “Montreal” imprint - scanned at 50% scale ---

RP-593 - 1/2 pound, perforated 12, with 4 mm. control number **047182**
printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove - with the 26 mm “Montreal” imprint
The collection also ***contains a sheet of nine strips***

000675	RP-593	1/2 pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
000917	RP-593	1/2 pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
000948	RP-593	1/2 pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
047060	RP-593	1/2 pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
047092	RP-593	1/2 pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
047182★	RP-593	1/2 pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
047191	RP-593	1/2 pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
047231	RP-593	1/2 pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove, With the mirror image “**R**”
047253	RP-593	1/2 pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
047311	RP-593	1/2 pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
047321	RP-593	1/2 pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
047329	RP-593	1/2 pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
047361-70★	RP-593	1/2 pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove, Originally a sheet of ten - missing **047363**
047576	RP-593	1/2 pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
047602★	RP-593	1/2 pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
047698★	RP-593	1/2 pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove, Mis-perforated thru the design, and scissor cut to correct
047836	RP-593	1/2 pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
047837	RP-593	1/2 pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
047838	RP-593	1/2 pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
047840	RP-593	1/2 pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
047893	RP-593	1/2 pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
047894	RP-593	1/2 pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
047996	RP-593	1/2 pound, perforated 12, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove

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The “Montreal” imprint strip (which is printed by hand press on *horizontal* mesh wove) is 4 mm longer than the “imprint free” strip (printed by rotary press on *vertical* mesh wove). Was a new plate prepared for the rotary press printing?

--- 1/2 Pound - “Series of 1883” - GREEN - 5th BABN Contract (1892-1897) ---

--- Recess printed by *rotary press* on *vertical* mesh wove - 313 x 20 mm - with 4 mm. blue controls ---

--- RP-596 - *coarse roulette* - *without an imprint* - scanned at 50% scale ---

RP-596 - 1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, 4 mm control **386508** - printed by rotary press on vertical mesh wove - *without* an imprint

RP-596 - 1/2 pound, *coarse roulette*, 4 mm control **386526** - printed by rotary press on vertical mesh wove - *without* an imprint
Stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters - suspect

252235	RP-596	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, printed by rotary press on vertical mesh wove,
333967	RP-596	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, printed by rotary press on vertical mesh wove, roller cancelled **TOBACCO / 12-17**
386506	RP-596 CP	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, printed by rotary press on vertical mesh wove, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic
386508★	RP-596	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, printed by rotary press on vertical mesh wove
386526★	RP-596 CP	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, printed by rotary press on vertical mesh wove, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic

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